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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Joe Werner
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: Tariff filing by BellSouth to Obsolete Message Rate, Measured Rate and RegionServ
Services and Morristown Area Calling Plan
Docket No. 02-01134

Dear Joe:

Attached please find BellSouth's responses to your Data Requests dated October 11, 2002.

Sincerely,

For

Charles L. Howorth, Jr.

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Enclosure

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REQUEST: Provide the number of new subscribers by month for the past two years for (a) message rate service; (b) measured rate service; (c) Regionserv service, and (d) Morristown Area Calling Plan;

RESPONSE: Based on monthly data starting with October 2000 through September 2002, the number of new subscribers for each of the categories requested is listed on the attachment.

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	Bus. Measured		Res. Measured		Bus. Message		Res. Message	
	New Subscribers		New Subscribers		New Subscribers		New Subscribers	
Oct. 2000		549		4		42		453
Nov. 2000		787		1		49		427
Dec. 2000		316		1		35		368
Jan. 2001		264		-		20		355
Feb. 2001		361		6		26		349
Mar. 2001		234		1		32		398
Apr. 2001		209		2		55		484
May 2001		294		-		57		498
Jun. 2001		216		1		39		473
Jul. 2001		502		-		56		417
Aug. 2001		350		1		61		470
Sep. 2001		277		1		54		396
Oct. 2001		343		4		28		386
Nov. 2001		389		1		14		386
Dec. 2001		275		1		27		297
Jan. 2002		411		-		14		358
Feb. 2002		214		-		4		315
Mar. 2002		216		1		10		404
Apr. 2002		349		5		32		434
May 2002		240		1		10		422
Jun. 2002		212		4		16		349
Jul. 2002		210		4		30		437
Aug. 2002		191		2		59		380
Sep. 2002		171		2		22		325

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	Bus. Morristown		Res. Morristown		Bus. Regionserv		Res. Regionserv	
	New Subscribers		New Subscribers		New Subscribers		New Subscribers	
Oct. 2000		25		-		1,065		52
Nov. 2000		9		1		1,291		48
Dec. 2000		12		-		867		57
Jan. 2001		14		-		974		42
Feb. 2001		2		1		879		39
Mar. 2001		1		-		1,122		46
Apr. 2001		7		-		931		40
May 2001		6		1		936		57
Jun. 2001		10		1		840		55
Jul. 2001		2		-		667		55
Aug. 2001		18		2		856		48
Sep. 2001		4		-		600		31
Oct. 2001		13		2		650		35
Nov. 2001		7		2		638		31
Dec. 2001		7		-		675		35
Jan. 2002		10		1		445		43
Feb. 2002		12		-		368		65
Mar. 2002		1		1		511		37
Apr. 2002		4		-		696		50
May 2002		13		1		564		41
Jun. 2002		6		1		686		37
Jul. 2002		8		3		482		36
Aug. 2002		8		2		473		38
Sep. 2002		7		1		630		31

REQUEST: Provide the number of resold lines providing (a) message rate service, (b) measured rate service, (c) RegionServ service, and (d) Morristown Area Calling Plan;

RESPONSE: Based on September 2002 data, the number of resold lines, for each of the requested categories is listed on the following attachment. The existing resold lines will be subject to the grandfathering provision referenced in Item No. 3.

	Resold	Resold	Resold	Resold
	Bus. Measured	Res. Measured	Bus. Message	Res. Message
	Inservice	Inservice	Inservice	Inservice
Sep. 2002	419	5	49	89
	Resold	Resold	Resold	Resold
	Bus. Morristown	Res. Morristown	Bus. Regionserv	Res. Regionserv
	Inservice	Inservice	Inservice	Inservice
Sep. 2002	27	1	1,404	14

REQUEST: Does BellSouth propose to continue offering message and measured rate service to qualifying lifeline customers? If not, please discuss:

RESPONSE: Lifeline customers will be treated in the same manner as all other customers. Specifically, existing Lifeline customers, like all other customers, who currently subscribe to message or measured rate service will be "grandfathered" and allowed to continue to receive message or measured rate service. Only customers already subscribing to message or measured service will be allowed to receive that service once the tariff to obsolete is effective. No customer that does not already subscribe to message or measured rate service, whether that customer is a Lifeline customer or not, will be allowed to select measured or message rate service once the tariff to obsolete becomes effective.

REQUEST: Provide the number of lifeline customers subscribing to message and measured rate services.

RESPONSE: Based on monthly data starting with October 2000 through September 2002, the number of Lifeline customers subscribing to message and measured rate services is listed on the following attachment.

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	Lifeline Measured	Lifeline Message
	Inservice	Inservice
Oct. 2000	317	4387
Nov. 2000	309	4329
Dec. 2000	303	4270
Jan. 2001	295	4191
Feb. 2001	290	4129
Mar. 2001	290	4096
Apr. 2001	283	4038
May 2001	273	3959
Jun. 2001	272	3890
Jul. 2001	270	3834
Aug. 2001	260	3801
Sep. 2001	255	3759
Oct. 2001	255	3709
Nov. 2001	246	3656
Dec. 2001	239	3598
Jan. 2002	231	3544
Feb. 2002	228	3498
Mar. 2002	225	3456
Apr. 2002	224	3527
May 2002	196	3493
Jun. 2002	181	3450
Jul. 2002	158	3403
Aug. 2002	146	3345
Sep. 2002	141	3300

REQUEST: Cite all statutory provisions allowing the discontinuance of basic local exchange telephone services.

RESPONSE: BellSouth is aware of no statutory provision prohibiting the obsoleting of a basic service. Obsoleting of services, through the submission of a tariff to obsolete such services, has been permitted by the TRA on a case-by-case basis, in which the TRA has considered factors such as the business reasons (declining subscribership) leading the provider to seek to obsolete the service.

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REQUEST: Discuss the resulting and potential impact of obsoleting the measured and message rate local exchange services on the affordability of rates and universal service in the context of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-207(a).

RESPONSE: After obsolescence of measured and message rate services, subscribers who wish to obtain local voice service from BellSouth will be charged the BellSouth flat rates for such services. These rates have been determined to be affordable pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-209 in the context of the approval of BellSouth's price regulation plan. Accordingly, the rates all Tennessee subscribers will be charged for these services will continue to be affordable as a matter of law. Consequently, there will be no effect on the affordability of rates and universal service in the context of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-207(a) as a result of obsoleting measured and message rate service.

REQUEST: In the context of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-208(a)(1), provide BellSouth's position as to whether obsoleting measured and message rate services lessens the quality of services in effect on June 6, 1995.

RESPONSE: The voice services provided to Tennessee customers by BellSouth after obsoleting measured and message rate services will be of at least the same quality as that provided on June 6, 1995. The pricing associated with these services is a distinct matter from the "quality" of such services. This tariff will no impact whatsoever on the quality of services provided.